

MEMBERS COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Perfin Stamp Identifier - Bulletin 342/8

John Mathews has sent the following information on the Perfin Stamp Identifier software reported by **Chris Carr**.

“The “Sueco Stamp Identifier” software was developed by someone in Western Australia about 2 years ago (from the name I was not sure whether the person was male or female). I presume that Chris Stewart is only a selling agent.”

“The person in Western Australia offered to send me a free copy in exchange for me allowing an electronic copy of the Australian perfin catalogue to be packaged with the Sueco software. For obvious reasons, I declined this offer. Next I was asked to do a review/trial of the software. As the software only matches two electronic images (stamp designs, watermarks, perfin patterns, etc), I did not consider it relevant for me to do so.”

“As Chris points out in his article, you need to have a library of scanned images against which to compare a given image. If the user has to build up this “library” from his/her own collection, the software-matching program would seem rather pointless. Also, hardcopy catalogues are invariably arranged alphabetically, making a manual search for a matching pattern quite straightforward.”

“It would be useful if similar software could match partial patterns, allow for missing pins, and resolve multiple strikes, but I have severe doubts that these could be done by such software. The “Mark-1 eyeball” combined with some lateral thinking is still the best detection/identification system available.”